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In response to the non-final office action mailed November 2, 2005, we enclose the following:

- 1) Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated February 1, 2006 (2 pages); and
- 2) Amendment D with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated February 1, 2006 (10 pages).

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

**STATUS**

2. Applicants are independent inventors.

**EXTENSION OF TERM**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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(37 C.F.R. 1.8 (a))

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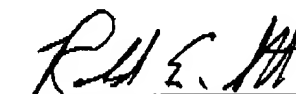
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**AMENDMENT D****Introductory Comments**

Sir:

In response to the non-final Examiner's Action mailed 11/02/2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire 02/02/2006, the above-identified patent application is amended a fourth time as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.